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FENCING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fencing of Indo-Bangladesh Border is progressing as per the targets;

(b) if so, the details of the targets fixed and achieved so far, State-wise;

(c) if not the reasons for failure in achieving the targets fixed in this regard;

(d) whether illegal Bangladeshi migrants and activist of Islamic fundamentalist forces infiltrate into Assam;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) the details of revised targets fixed for completion of fencing work and the extent to which cost has escalated; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to achieve such targets in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The Government of India has sanctioned 3286.859 km of fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border. Till March 2007, 2495.36 km of fencing has been erected. The fencing in problematic stretches could not be completed by March, 2007 due to following major reasons:-

i. Objection by BDR to construction of fencing within 150 yards from the International Border.

ii. Pending land acquisition cases.

iii. Presence of habitation close to International Border.

The balance fencing will be taken up subsequently after resolving the issues.

The State wise targets and achievements of fencing (in km.) is given below:

Name of the State	Targets	Achievements
West Bengal	1528	1180
Assam	223	191
Meghalaya	399	380
Tripura	736	656
Mizoram	400	88

(d) & (e): Government is fully seized of the problem of infiltration through Indo-Bangladesh border including Assam. The Government has taken following steps to curb infiltration and smuggling across the border:

i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying patrolling.
ii) Construction of fencing and border roads.
iii) Conduct of special operations.
iv) Co-ordination with sister agencies.

(f) & (g): The targets for balance fencing will be fixed after resolving the pending issues.